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**The desire
and flames
named
insanity**



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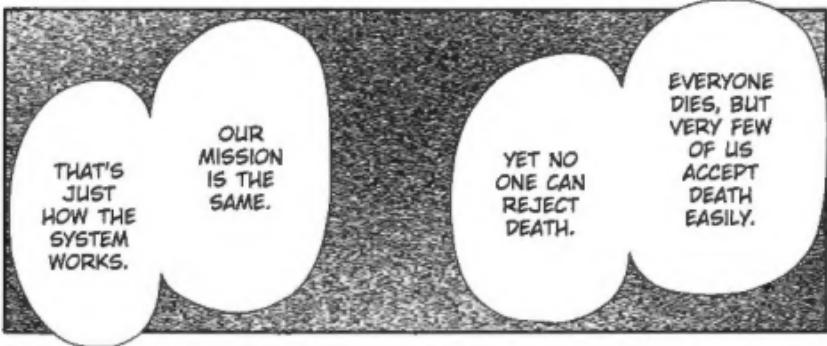
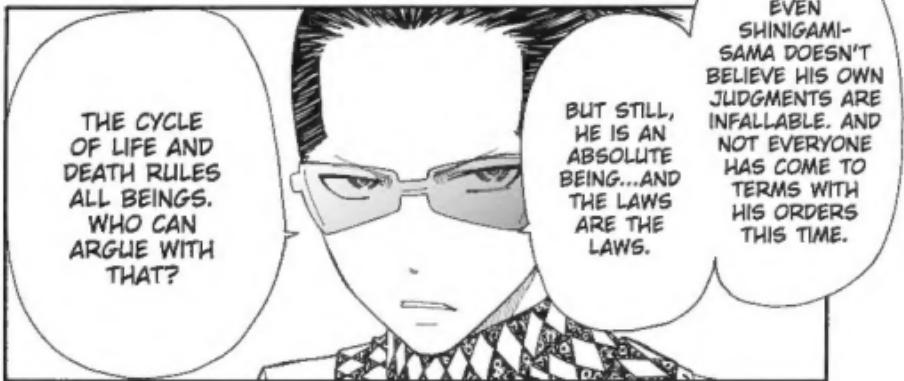
ITALY...



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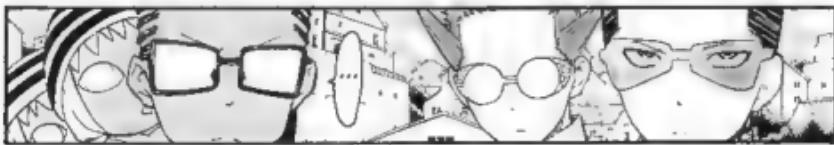


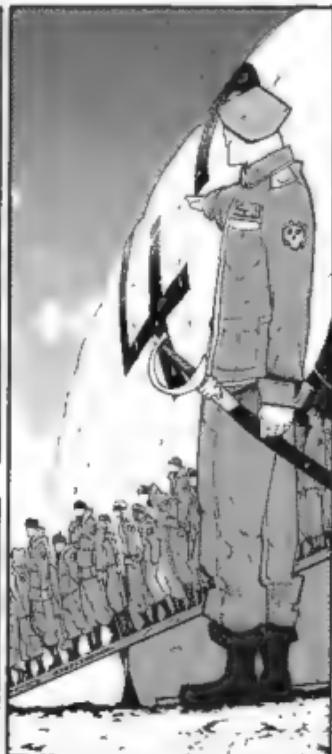


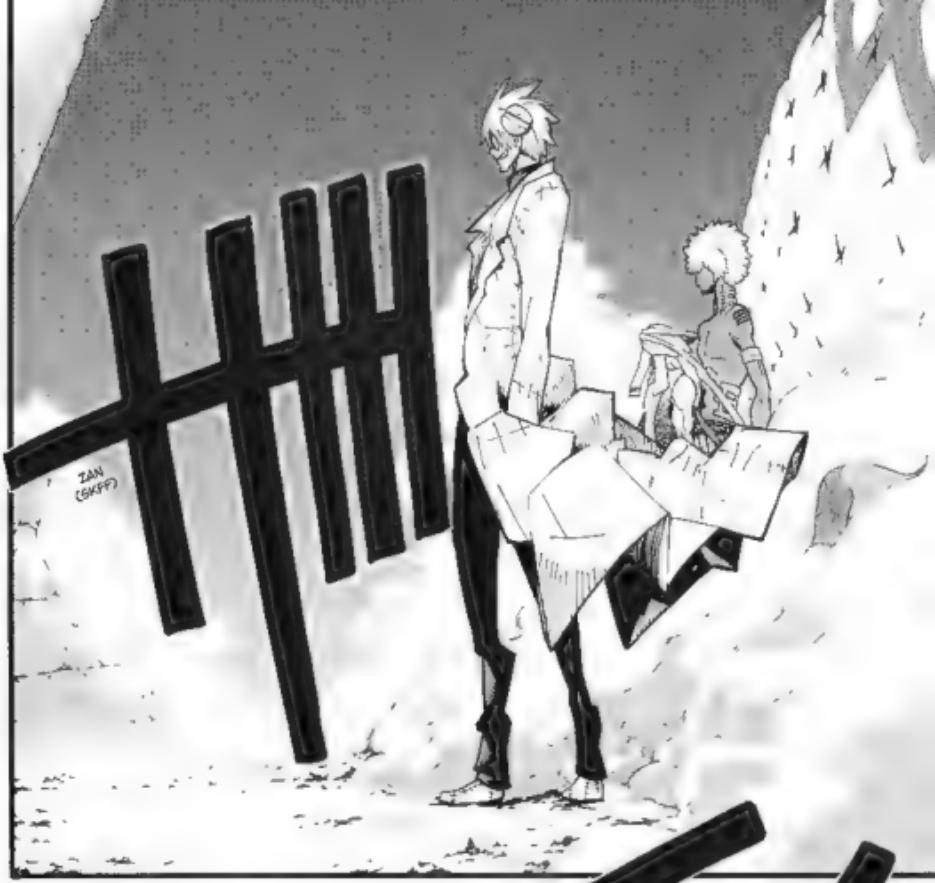
IS IT BECAUSE I'M A WITCH? IS THAT WHY I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN'T ACCEPT THIS?





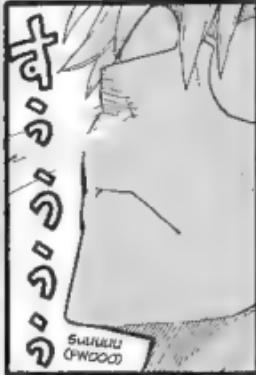






I'M
FINALLY
FREE...

AHH...



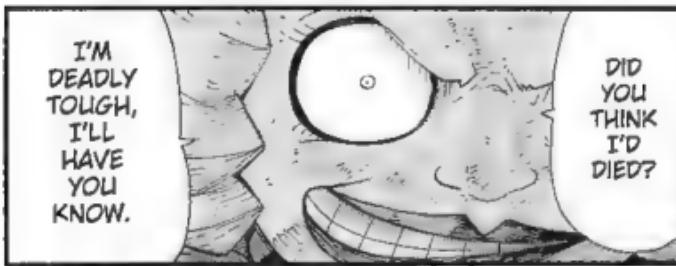
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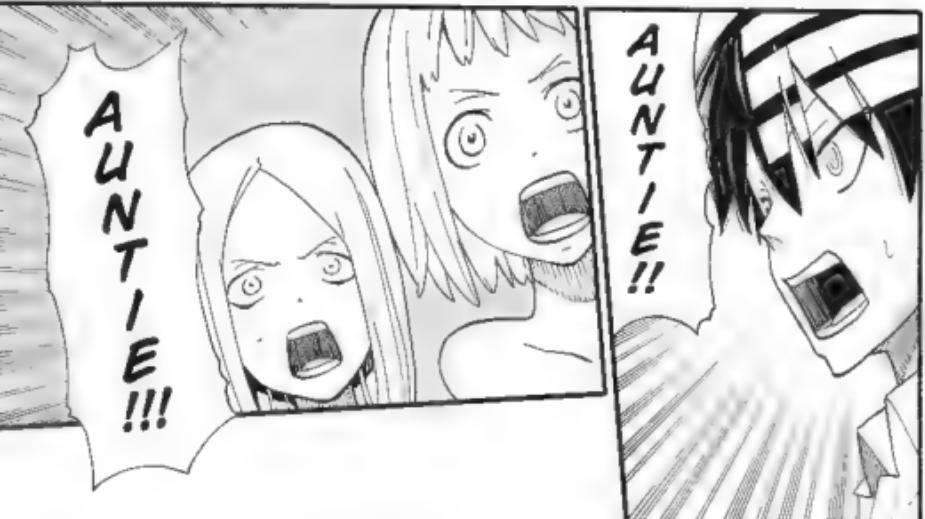
OOOO
OOOOOSH



HOW
DID THAT
PIG...TAKE
DOWN
MOON-
LIGHT..?





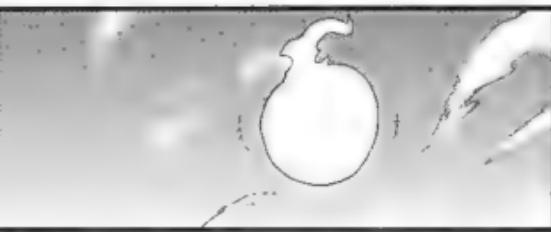
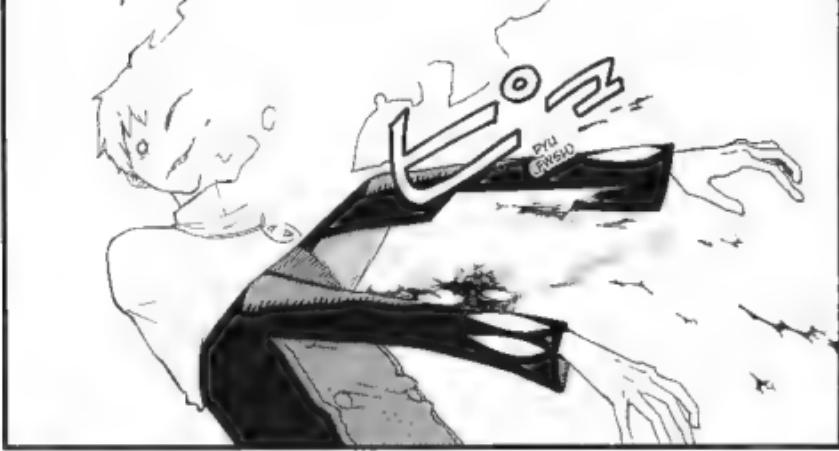


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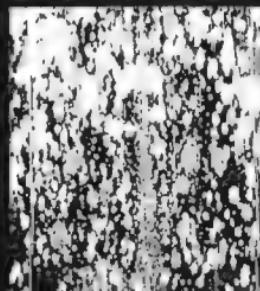
AUNTIE!!!!











ORDER AND
MADNESS ARE
COLLIDING
FORCES.
CONFLICT IS
INEVITABLE...
THERE IS NO
REASON
FOR IT.

INVASIONS...
RESOURCES...
ETHNIC CONFLICT...
THERE ARE MANY
REASONS THAT
WARS HAPPEN,
BUT THIS WAR
HAS NONE...

WHY AM
I ON THE
SIDE OF
ORDER?

WHY
AM I
HERE?

I JUST
WANT
TO RIP
THINGS
APART.

IF THIS
BATTLE HAS
NO REASON,
THEN I DON'T
NEED ONE
EITHER...

YOU GET
CURIOUS,
AND THAT'S
THAT.



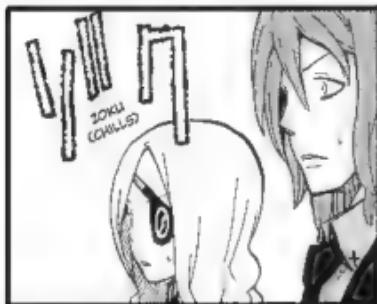
WHO NEEDS
A REASON TO
BE CURIOUS
ABOUT THE
CONTENTS
OF A NEATLY-
WRAPPED
BOX?

ANYONE WHO,
FEELS GUILTY
OVER THE SHREDS
OF WRAPPING
PAPER LEFT BEHIND
AFTER THE BOX
HAS BEEN OPENED
IS CRAZY.

TRUE,
PRESENTS
AND LIVING
BEINGS
MIGHT BE
DIFFERENT
THINGS...







NOW,
TO THE
OPERATING
ROOM...

“Haaaaah

GOULINAH
(GRUMBLE)

DOSH
(STAB)

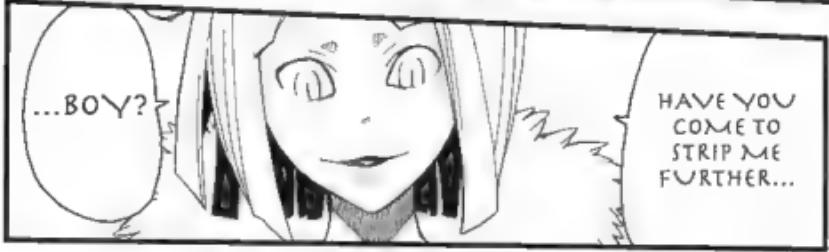
BASU
(CLASH)

THEY ALL
COME
LUSTING
AFTER
MY NAKED
FORM...

RA
(CLACK)

...BUT
I'M NOT
SO EASY
AS YOU
SEEM TO
THINK.













...HE'S
THE
KISHIN
HIM-
SELF₀₀₀

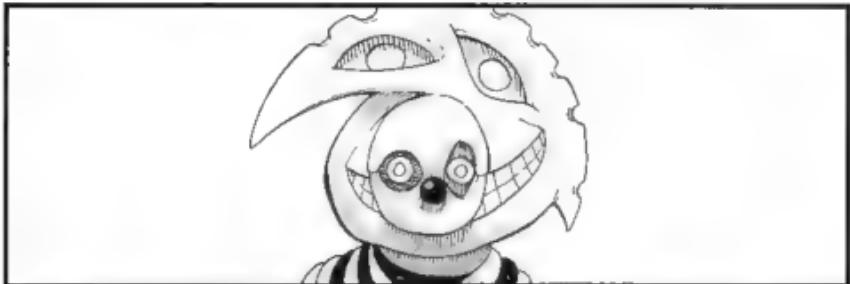
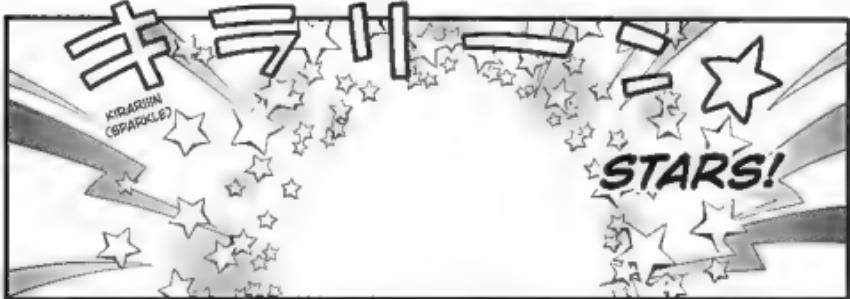
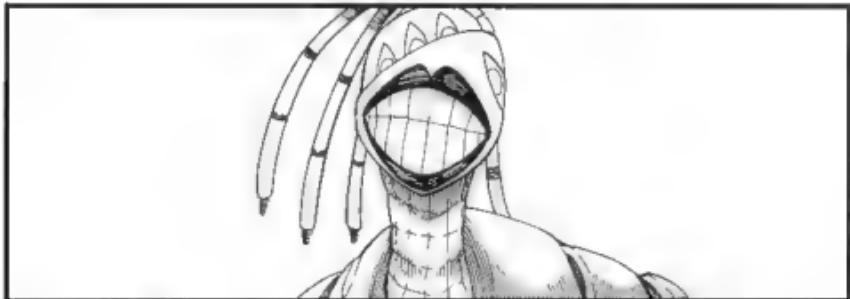
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**WHAT
COULD
I FIND
INSIDE
HERE?**



**WHAT
COULD
IT BE?**





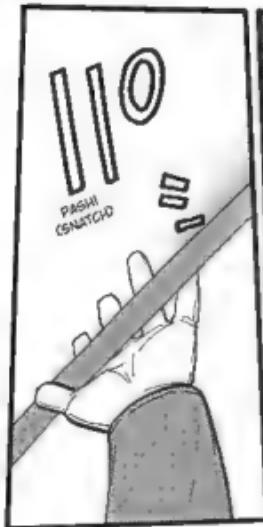
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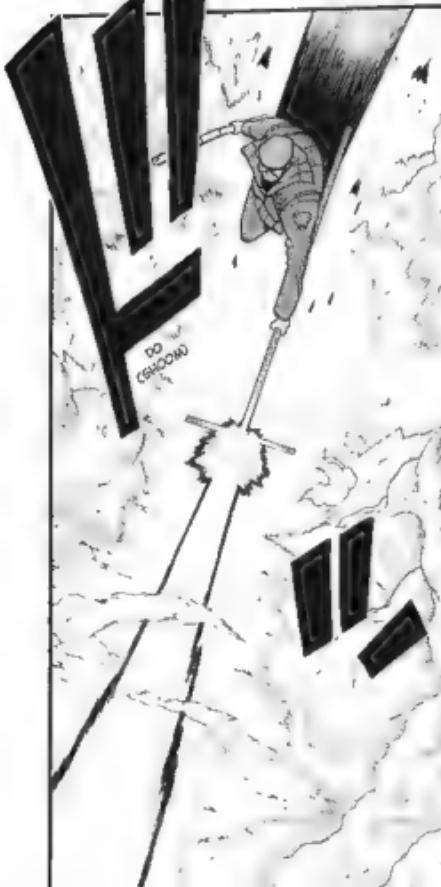
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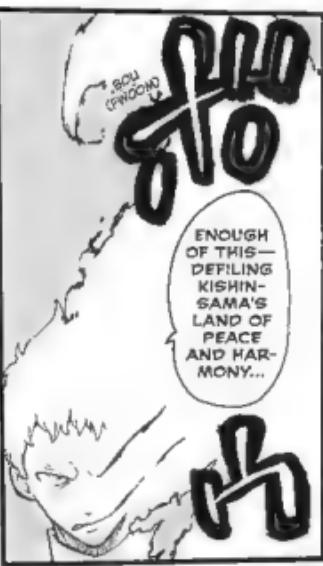




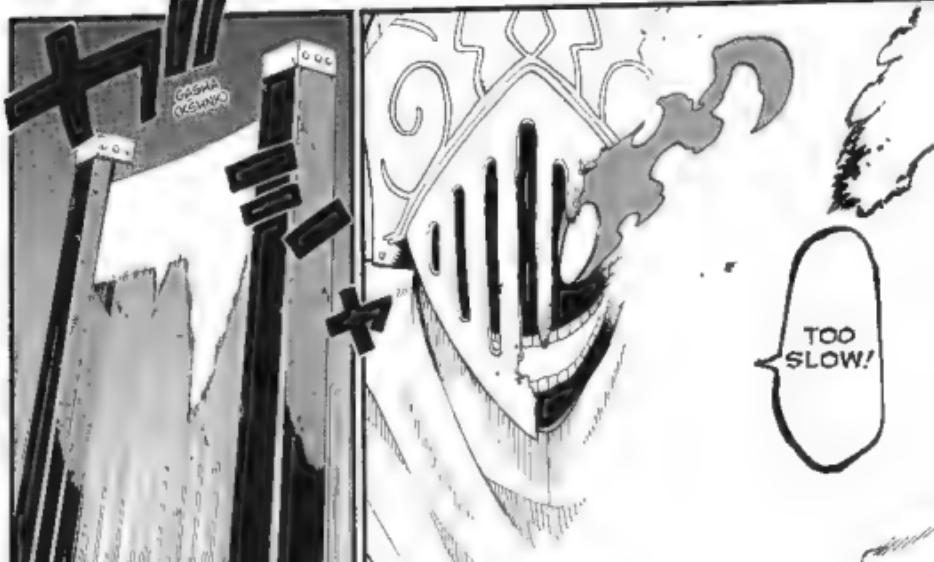




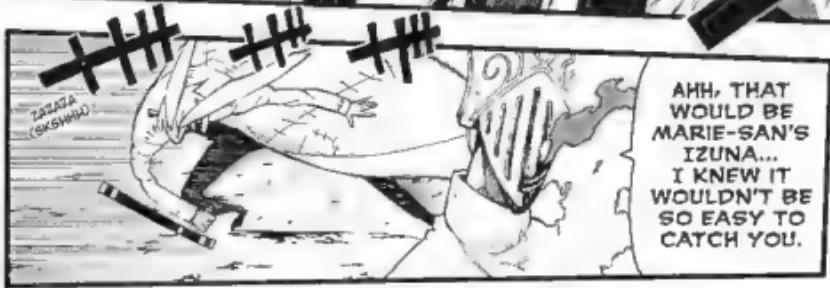




S
C
H
M
I
D
T
!!







IZUNA PLACES GREAT STRESS UPON THE BODY OF THE MEISTER! YOU WILL NOT BE USING IT FOR LONG!!



BE CAREFUL, STEIN. JUSTIN IS A STATIONARY WEAPON... WHO KNOWS WHAT KINDS OF TRAPS HE MIGHT HAVE SET...



YOU CANNOT STOP ME.

DO YOU REALLY THINK A TRAP OF THIS LOW CALIBER WILL BUY YOU TIME?

THE MOMENT YOU RUN OUT OF BREATH WILL BE YOUR LAST.









YOU
ARE
DEAD.

YOU
MAY HAVE
CONTAINED
THE
EXPLOSION
WITHIN YOUR
BODY FOR
THE MOMENT,
BUT IT'S
ONLY A
MATTER
OF TIME,
JUSTIN.

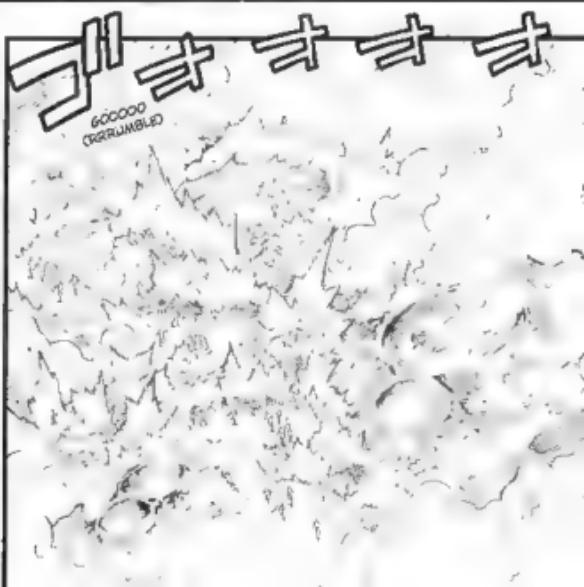


WHICH
WILL END
FIRST?
YOUR
IZUNA
OR MY
LIFE...?

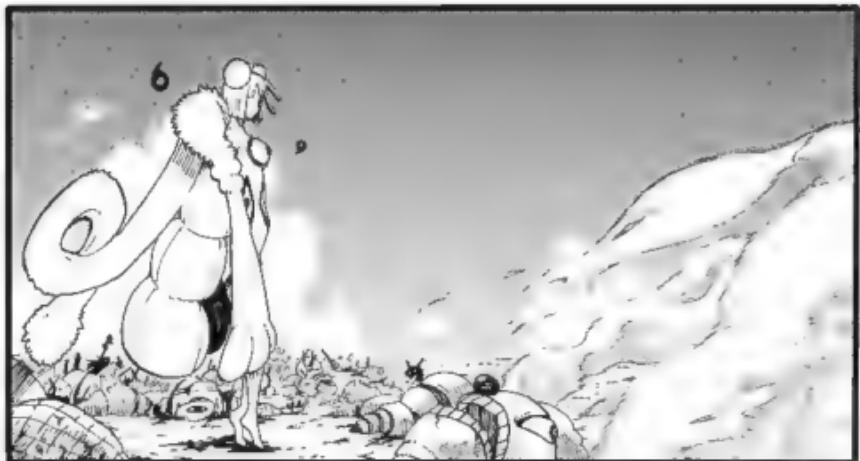
HA-
HA-HA...
MOST
FASC-
INATING.



I WILL
GIVE
EVERY
LAST
SECOND
OF THIS
BODY'S
LIFE TO
KISHIN-
SAMA'S
SER-
VICE.

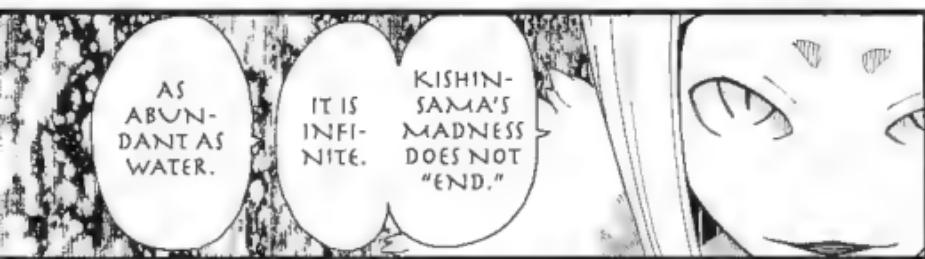






WE'VE
CLEANED UP
NEARLY ALL
OF THE
KISHIN'S
SOLDIERS.
YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE
LEFT.



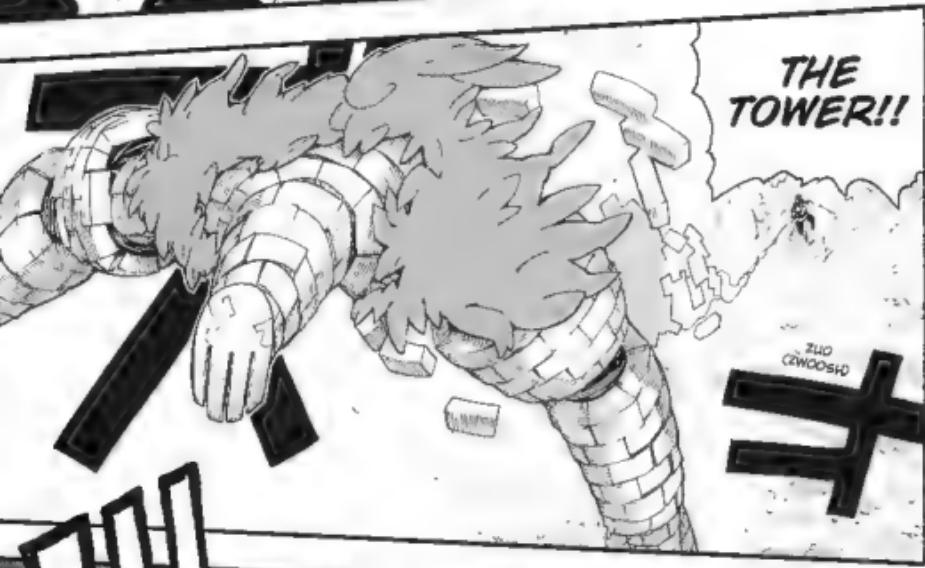












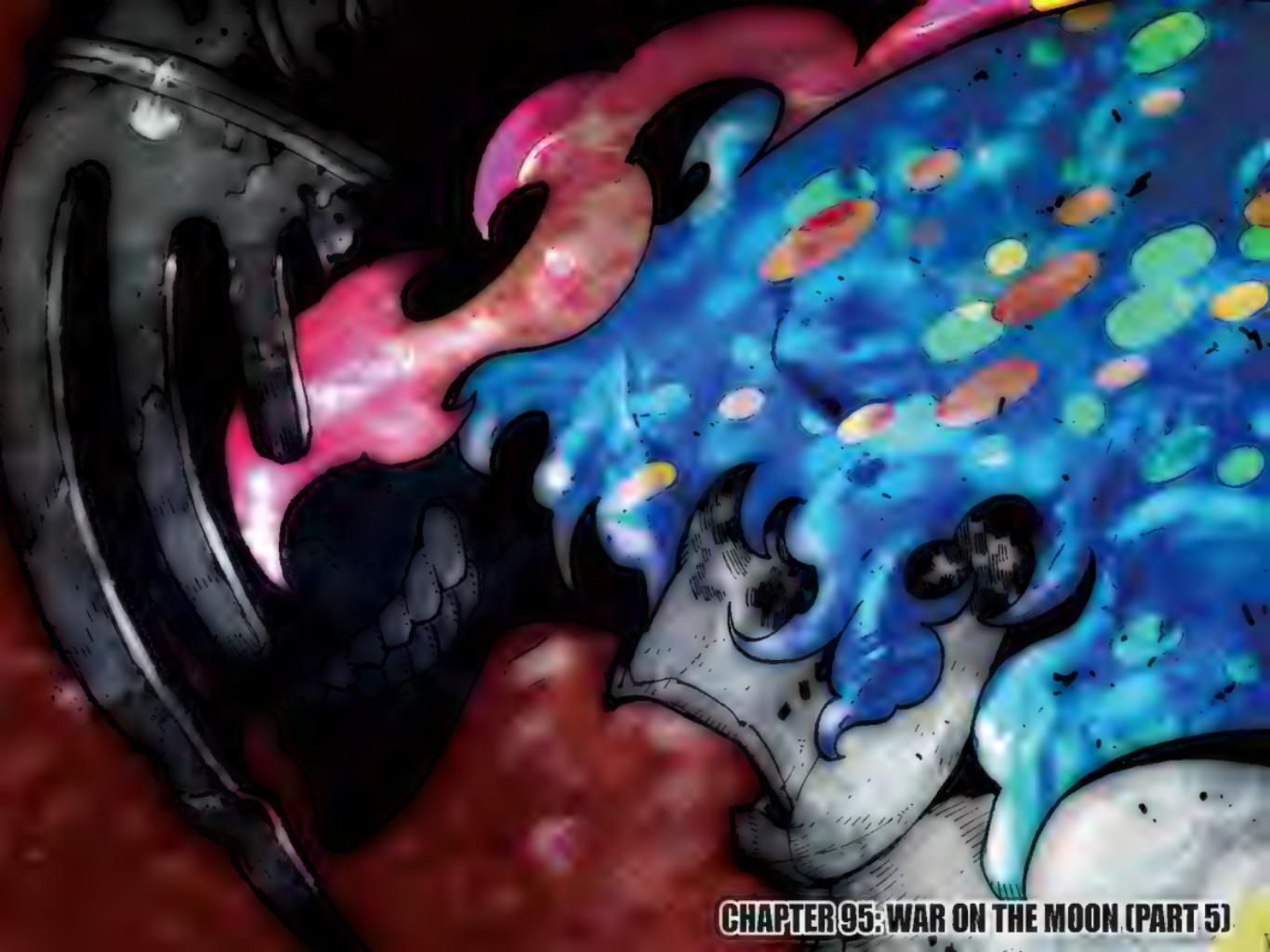






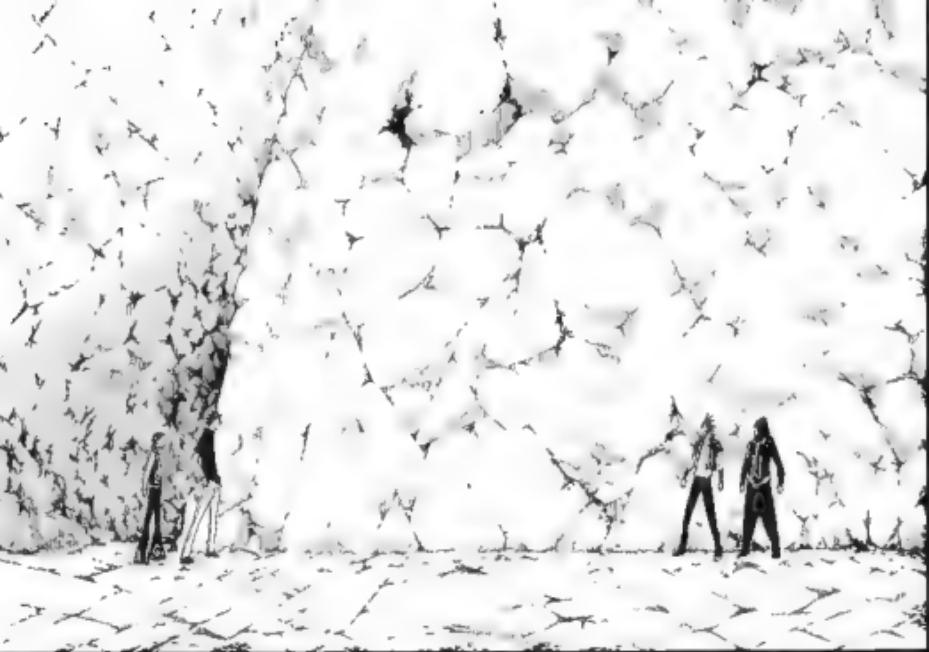
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I AM THE
TRUE
EVANGELIST
OF
MADNESS.



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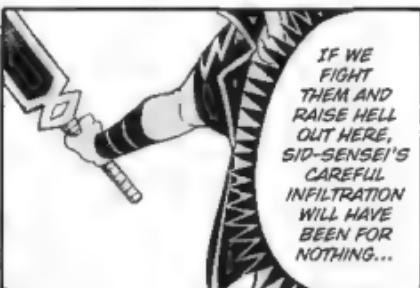


IF YOU
YELL LIKE
THAT,
THEY'RE
GOING TO
NOTICE
US!!

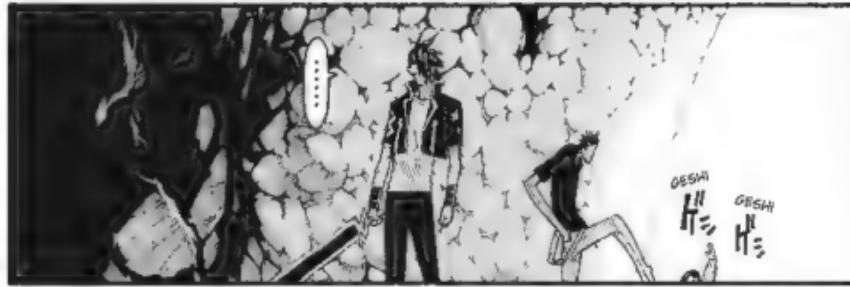


I KNOW
THAT,
DAMMIT!

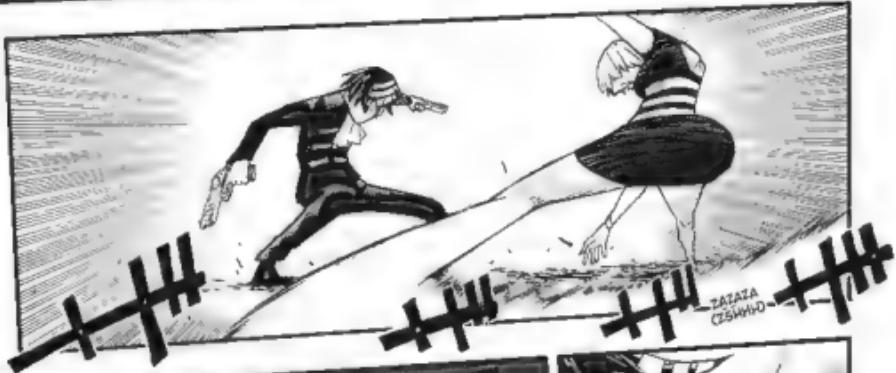




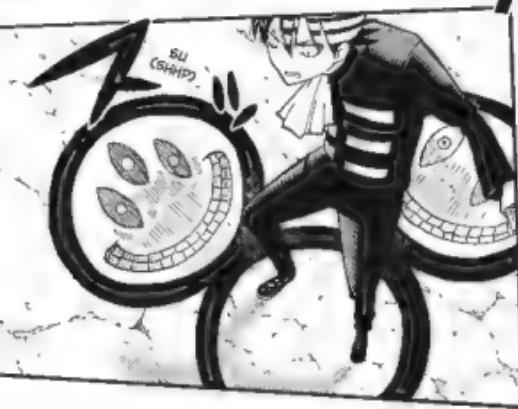




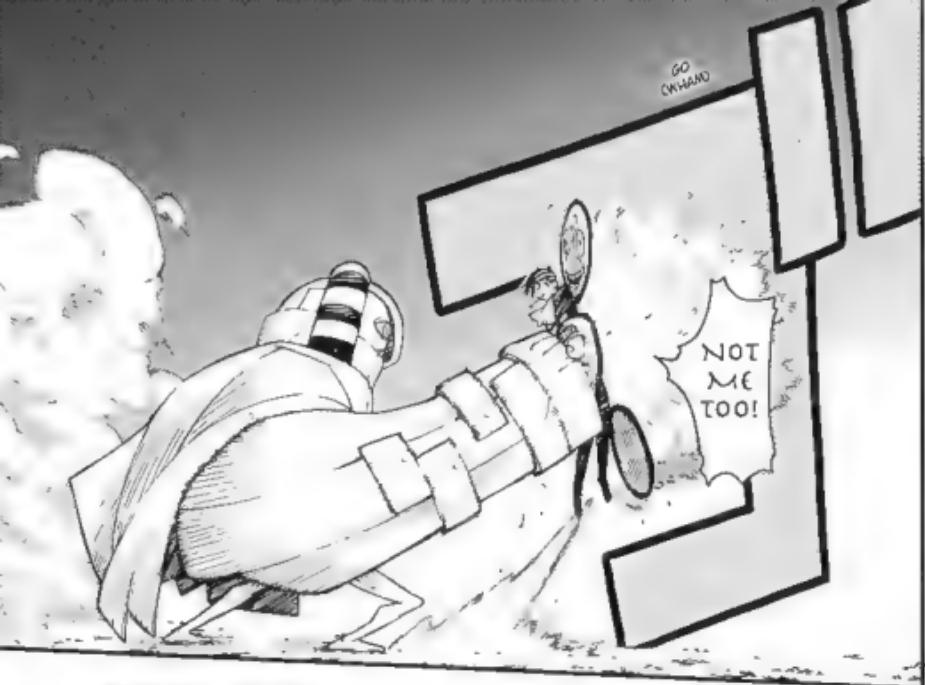










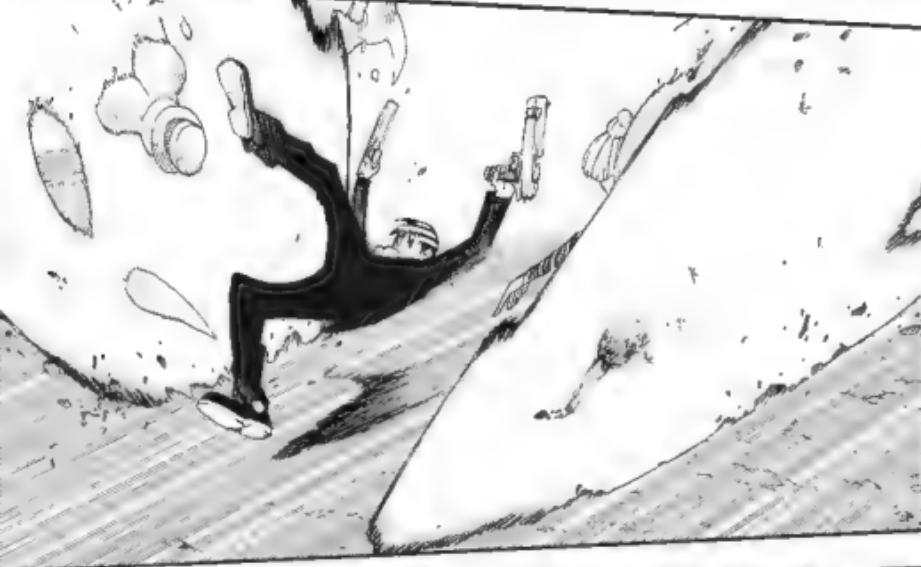




GUM
COCOCHO

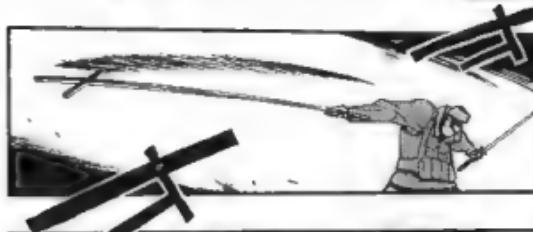
**FIRST
LINE OF
SANZU:
RELEASE!**











THIS WAR
Hinges on kid
awakening to
his powers. We
can't beat the
Kishin unless
all three of his
lines of Sanzu
connect fully
and he becomes
a true
Shinigami...





THE
LOVERS!!

KODOKO
ONHOOSH



YU

PO
(BLUSH)

YU

PO

YU

RABU
CLOVE-OOOSH



THAT WAS
NOTHING,
CLOWN...
THIS IS THE
END FOR
YOU.







I'LL
TEAR
THEM
ALL TO
PIECES !!

HA-HA-
HA!! AN
INFINITE
SUPPLY
OF WORTH-
LESS TOY
SOLDIERS!

IT'S
PER-
FECT!!

YOUR
BRAVERY
IS
SAPPED,
BIT BY
BIT.

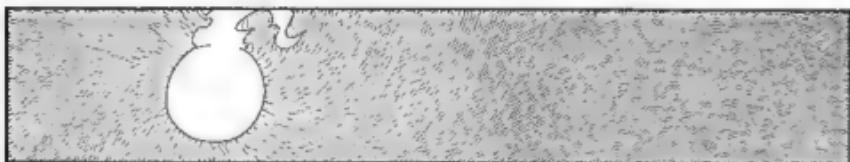
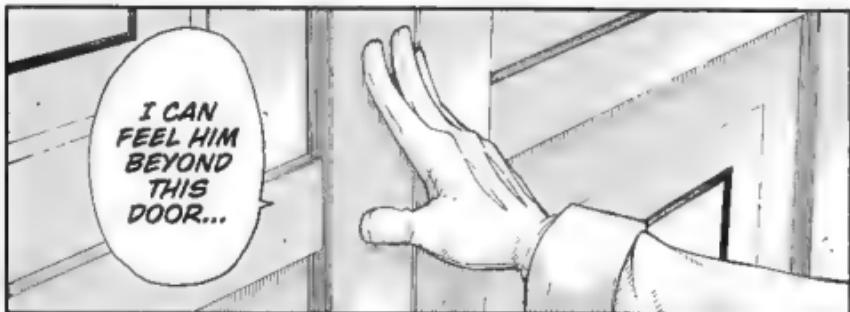
YOU
STRUGGLE
AND
STRUGGLE,
BUT STILL
THE MAD-
NESS DE-
SCENDS.

ONLY
DESPAIR
AWAITS.









CRONA.....



.....!!







WHO...
ARE
YOU...?

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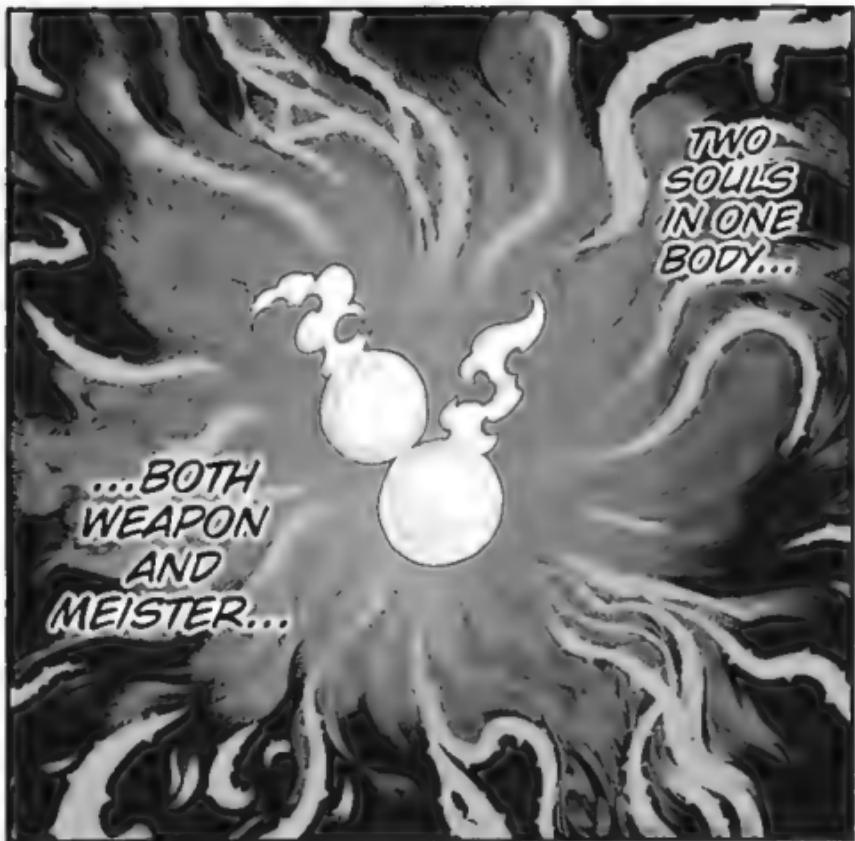


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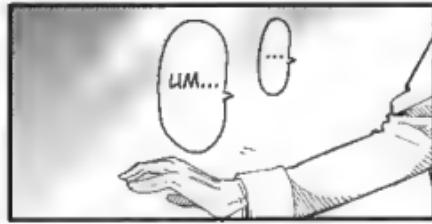


SANTA
MARIO
NOVELLA
BASILICA...





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I CAN'T
DO IT
ANY-
MORE...



HUH
...?



I WAS
WAITING
HERE
BECAUSE
I KNEW
I MIGHT
MEET A
PERSON
NAMED
Maka...

...I'M
HERE
BE-
CAUSE
OF
YOU...
BUT...



I DON'T
KNOW...
WHAT
IT IS...
WHY AM
I HERE?



THAT'S
RIGHT.

AND
HERE
I AM,
SEE?



WHO
AM I...?
WHAT ARE
YOU TO
ME...?

I DON'T
REMEM-
BER
ANY-
THING...







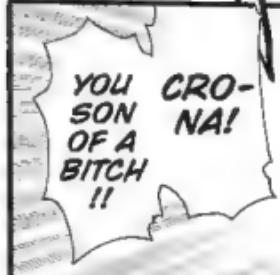


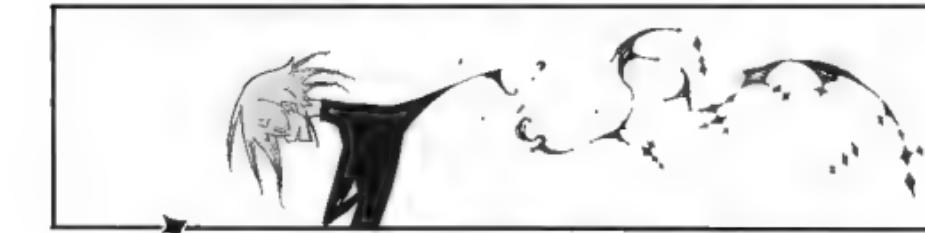


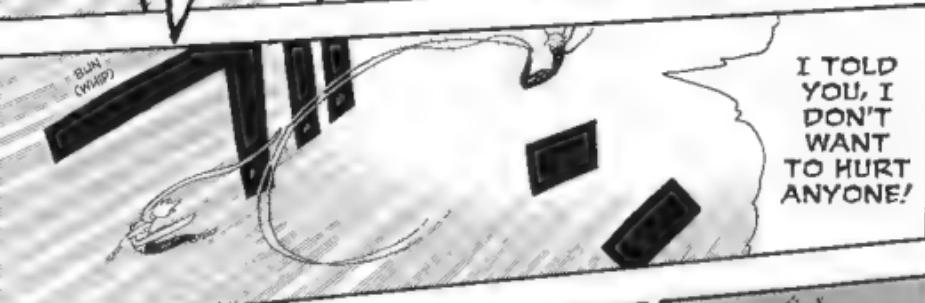


















I'VE GOT WORD FROM YUMI AZUSA, ONE OF THE DEATH WEAPONS ON THE MOON.



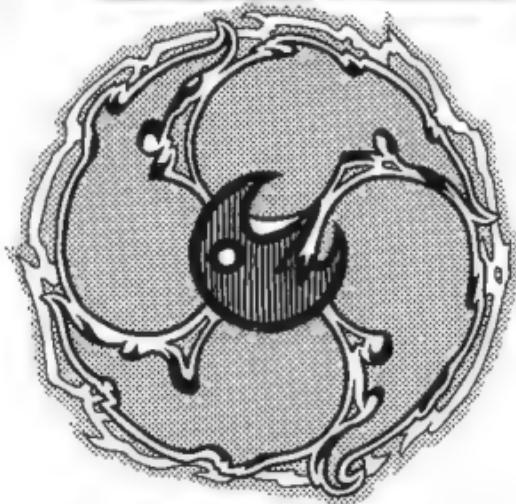
KID'S CONNECTED TWO OF HIS LINES OF SANZU, BUT HE HASN'T FULLY AWAKENED HIS POWERS YET...

THEY'RE ENGAGED IN BATTLE WITH THE KISHIN'S CLOWN ARMY NOW...AND THE ENDLESS REGIMENTS OF ENEMY SOLDIERS ARE WEARING THEM DOWN.



SO THEY'RE HAVING DIFFICULTY WITHOUT "BREW"...





THIS COULD END UP BECOMING A FOUR-SIDED BATTLE OVER THE KISHIN.







WILL
THIS
BATTLE
EVER
END...?

WHAT IS
THIS...?
THE
MORE
WE BEAT,
THE
MORE
SHOW
UP...

20000
2000000

CEASE
YOUR
POINT-
LESS
RESIS-
TANCE!!
LET THE
MADNESS
CONSUME
YOU!!

WITNESS
THE
MAD-
NESS OF
KISHIN-
SAMA!



THAT'S
RIGHT, THE
MOON! THE
MOON ITSELF
IS NOTHING
BUT A GIANT
TRAP MEANT
TO ENSNARE
YOU ALL!!

THE
MOON IS
ACTUALLY
AN
ENOR-
MOUS
GUILLO-
TINE!!



YOU
HAVE NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
WAIT
IN FEAR
AS THE
GUILLOTINE
BLADE
SLOWLY
DESCENDS
OVER YOUR
HEADS!

ONE STEP
INSIDE, AND
YOU'LL FIND
IT QUITE
IMPOSSIBLE
TO ESCAPE!
THE NOOSE
IS ALREADY
TIGHT
AROUND
YOUR
NECKS!





AND
THE
GUILLO-
TINE IS
ALWAYS
FALLING!
THE
GUILLO...
GUILLO...
GUIL...

BRBT!

THE
GUILLO-
TINE IS
TRAINED
DIRECTLY
OVER
YOUR
NECKS!!

MADNESS
WILL
ALWAYS
AND
FOREVER-
MORE
RAIN
FROM THE
MOON!!



TIME TO
FINISH THIS.

I CAN'T
SPEND
ALL MY
TIME ON
THE LIKES
OF YOU.



YOU
HAVE
ALREADY
LOST!

KILLING
ME
WON'T
AFFECT
THE
BATTLE!!

DO WHAT YOU WILL AND SAY WHAT YOU WILL, AND IF ANY DO NOT SHARE YOUR VIEW, KILL THEM!!

WHY MUST ONE CONFORM TO A HERD? WHO SAYS WE MUST ORGANIZE IN ANY CONFIGURATION?

TO JOIN THE HERD, UPHOLDING ORDER BY NEVER STEPPING A FOOT OUT OF LINE, ELIMINATING ALL MEN AND IDEAS THAT DO NOT CONFORM!

IT IS A GREAT MYSTERY TO ME, STEIN-SAN, WHY YOU SIDE WITH DWMA!

ISN'T THAT THE WAY OF NATURE!? WHY IS SHINIGAMI'S ORDER SO PRECIOUS TO YOU!?

SHINIGAMI-SAMA'S ORDER DOESN'T DEMAND ANY SUCH THING!

SOUL RESONANCE!!

NOT AS LONG AS I HAVE SOMETHING TO DIRECT IT AGAINST!

BUT STEIN, THE MADNESS WITHIN YOU IS FORBIDDEN UNDER SHINIGAMI'S ORDER!!

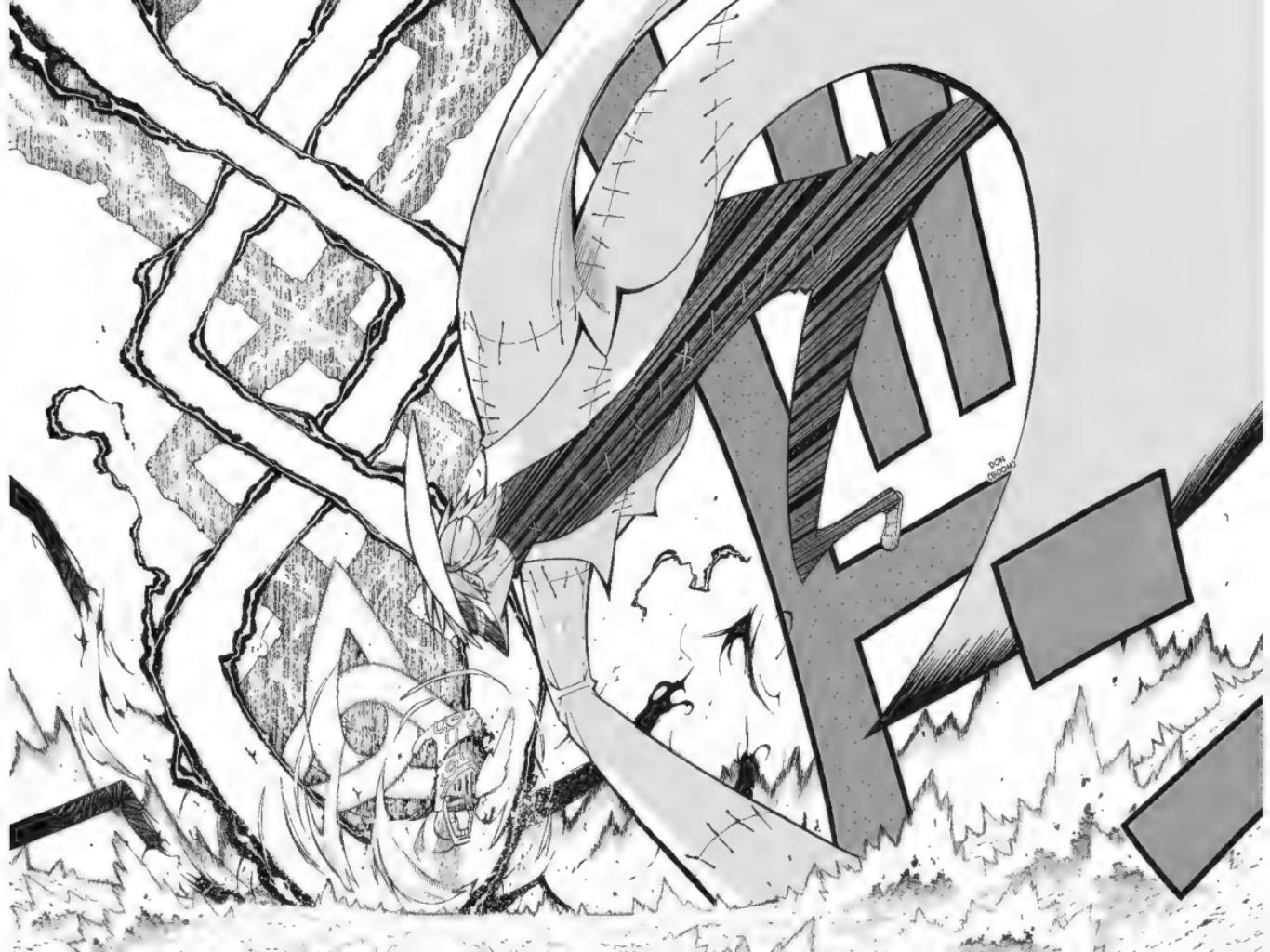
BABA CPNSHO

WHAT
WILL YOU
DO WITH
THE MAD-
NESS
WITHIN YOU, SO
ABHOR-
RENT TO
ORDER!?

AND WHAT
WILL YOU
DO AFTER
SHINIGAMI
HAS
ELIMINATED
ALL OF HIS
SO-CALLED
HERETICS
!?

**THIS
IS
FOR
B.J.!!**







ORDER
WILL
CRUM-
BLE TO
DUST.

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ORDER
WILL
CRUMBLE
TO DUST.

JUSTIN...



...BECAUSE
YOU COULD
NEVER
IMAGINE
WHAT LAY
BEYOND AND
BENEATH THE
STRUCTURE
OF ORDER.
BESIDES...

YOU NEVER
UNDERSTOOD
A THING, RIGHT
UP TO THE
VERY END...
YOU WERE SO
SOLITARY THAT
THE ORDER
CRUSHED YOU
AND DROVE
YOU INTO
MADNESS...



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SHINIGAMI-SAMA HAS ISSUED AN ORDER FOR YOUR RETURN.

YOU MUST REPORT TO THE DEMON AIRSHIP AT ONCE.

KOO CHISHIHO

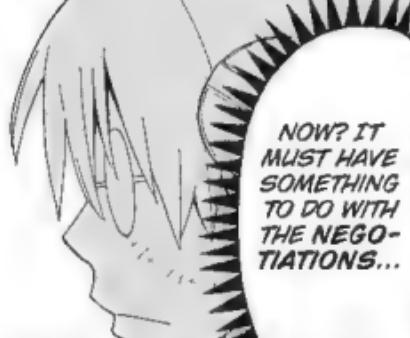
GAGAN (BABANG)

WHAT IS IT?

GOSU CHIHAMO

I CAN'T FOLLOW THAT ORDER, NO MATTER WHAT HIS REASON!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? LEAVE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BATTLE!?



NOW? IT
MUST HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
THE NEGO-
TIATIONS...



FATHER
HAS
ORDERED
ME TO
RETURN.



SHIN-
GAMI-
SAMA
AWAITS.
PLEASE
HURRY.



CAN'T
LEAVE
SO MANY
WOUNDED
SOLDIERS
UP HERE
EITHER...



DO AS
HE SAYS!
TAKE THESE
WOUNDED
SOLDIERS
BACK WITH
YOU!

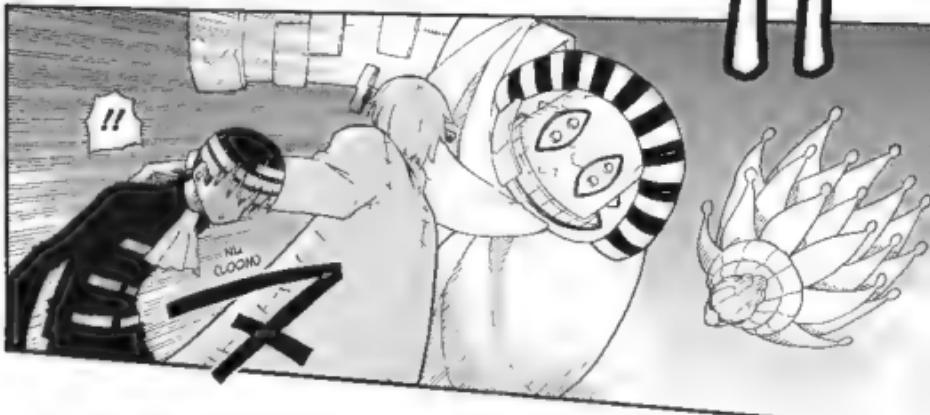
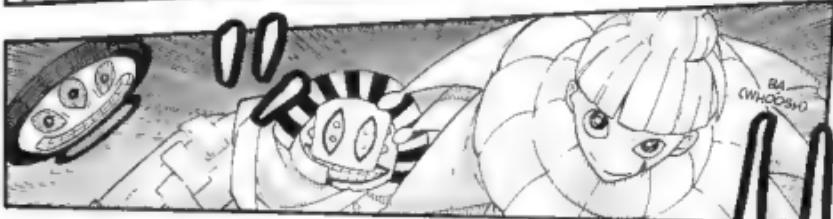
YOU
CAN'T
POSSIBLY
AGREE
WITH THIS!



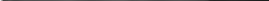
DEATH'S WEAPONS
AND I WILL HOLD THE
FRONT WHILE YOU GO!
JUST MAKE SURE TO
COME BACK QUICK AS
YOU CAN WHEN YOU'VE
CARRIED OUT SHINIGAMI-
SAMA'S ORDERS! TRUST
IN THE STRENGTH OF
HIS WEAPONS!



IT'S NOT THAT
I DON'T HAVE
FAITH IN YOU! BUT
THIS IS A WAR FOR
THE SAKE OF ORDER...
AS A SHINIGAMI I
CANNOT RETREAT!!



















BY APPLYING THE SPELL PROPERLY, WE COULD CUT THE CYCLE OF MADNESS AND BRING AN END TO THEIR REGENERATION.



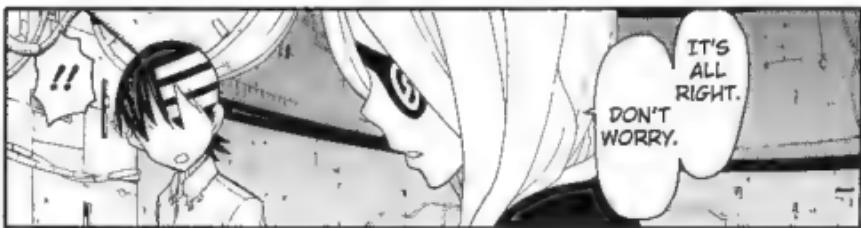
SOUL PROTECT IS A SPELL THAT SHUTS IN ANY SIGNALS, EVEN THE WITCHES' WICKED WAVELENGTHS.

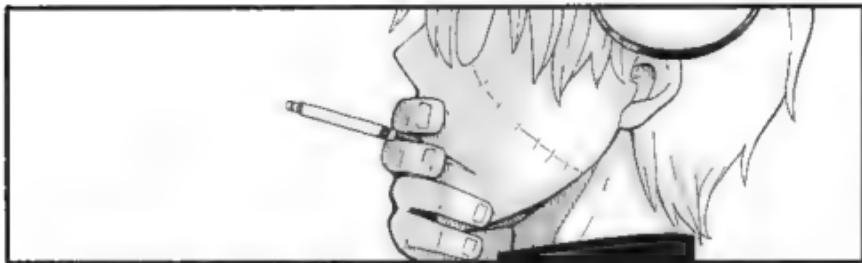
YOU SEE, THE CLOWNS' REPRODUCTION IS FACILITATED BY THE KISHIN'S MADNESS WAVES.

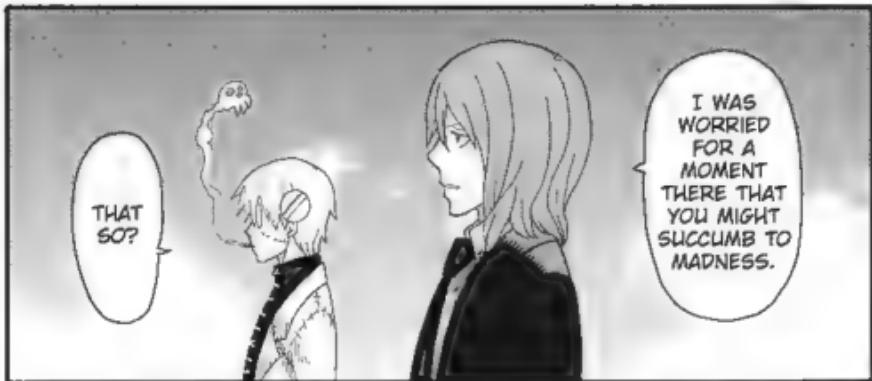


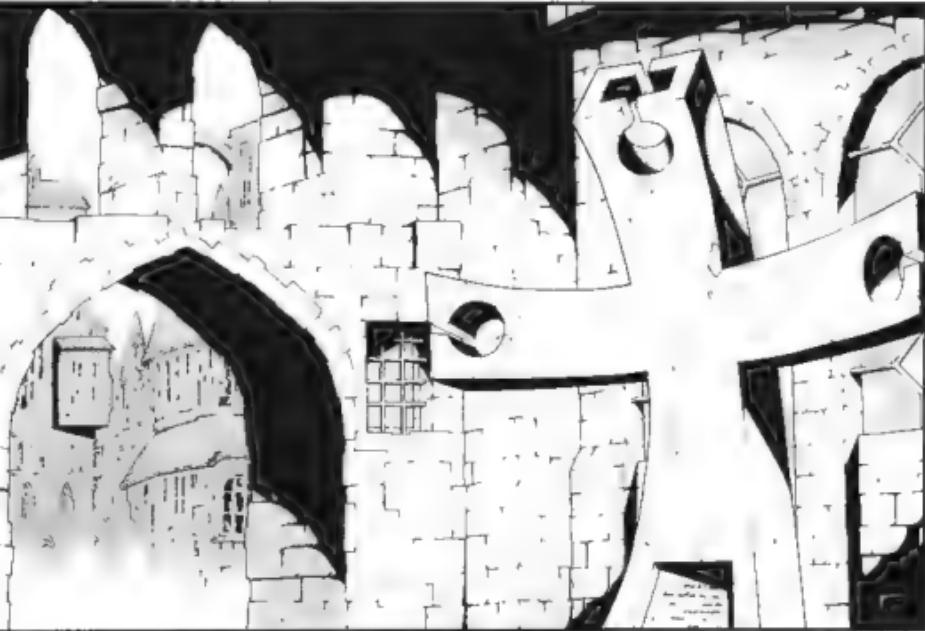
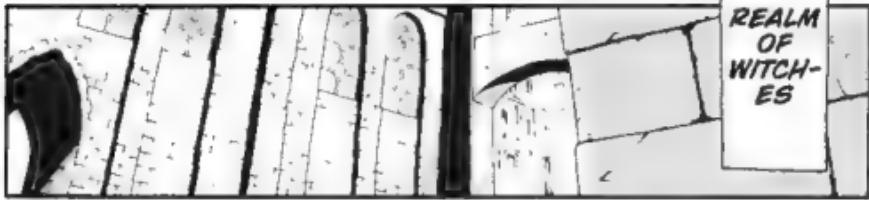
THE WITCHES HAD ONE ABSOLUTE CONDITION FOR NEGOTIATION: A SHINIGAMI MUST CONTACT THEIR WORLD DIRECTLY.

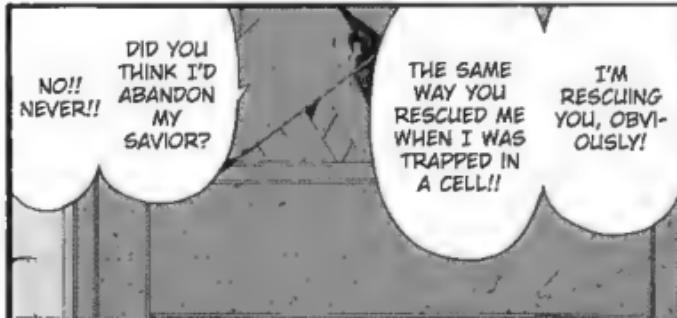


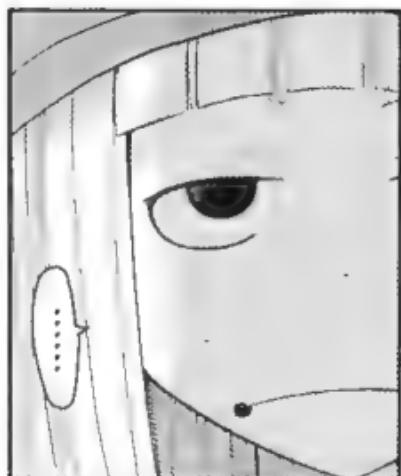
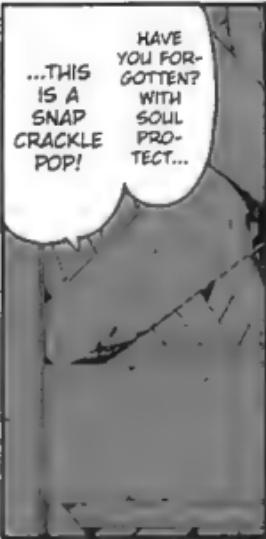




























Translation Notes

Common Honorifics

-no honōrific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

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Pelt of the Fire Rat comes from the well-known Japanese folktale known as "The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter" or "Princess Kaguya." The sought-after Princess Kaguya tells her five princely suitors that they must each bring her a rare treasure. One of these treasures was the pelt (or robe) of the fire rat.

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Justin's "Schmidt" attack may be a reference to Franz Schmidt, a German executioner who held the position officially in Bamberg and Nuremberg from 1573 to 1617. During his career, Schmidt kept a journal detailing the 361 executions and 365 lesser punishments carried out over the course of his 45-year career.

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The term for "square shoulders" in Japanese includes the character for "rage" or "wrath," which seems to be this Noah's defining characteristic.

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The well-known Japanese phrase "like dogs and monkeys" refers to two people or sides being constantly at odds with one another. The Western equivalent might be "like cats and dogs."

SOUL EATER

JUST TAKE
ME TO THE
PLACE OF
THE NEGOTI-
ATIONS.

WELL,
NO USE
STANDING
HERE
WONDER-
ING.

WHO IS
MABA...?

KID TRAVELS TO THE REALM OF WITCHES
TO REQUEST EXTRA FORCES.

KON
COUNCIL

CAN HIS PLEA MEND THE GREAT RIFT
BETWEEN DWMA AND WITCHKIND?

IT
APPEARS
THAT
WON'T BE
NECESS-
SARY.



WE
CANNOT
DO THIS
ON OUR
OWN!
PLEASE
LEND US
YOUR
HELP!!

CAN HE MOVE THE WITCHES' HEARTS!?

NYAMU
!!!

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ALMOST
AS DARK
AS THE
VOLUME
COVERS
THESE DAYS,
AMIRIGHT?

SO
DARK,
MAN...

IT'S
DARK...

A GATHERING
SPOT
FOR SPACE
DUST...

THIS IS
ATSUSHI-
YA...

NOTHIN'
WE CAN
DO, MAN.

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?

YEAH,
MAN.

THIS
ALMOST
AIN'T EVEN
WORTH
SHOWIN'
UP FOR.

FORGET
IT. THIS IS
DUMB.

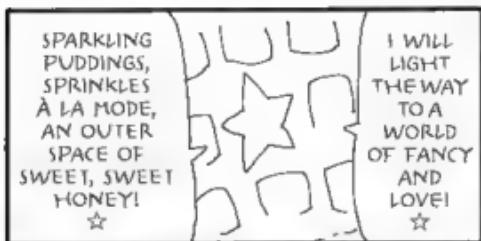
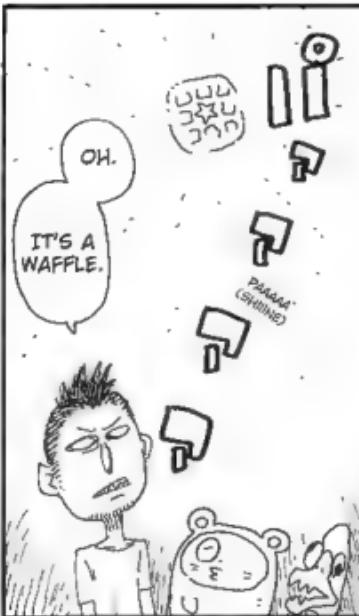


SOME-
THING'S
GLOWING.

WHAT!?

AH!!

WHAT
IS THAT
THING?



NOT!



ANOTHER SOUL EATER?

IT'S A SAVAGE BUT
SUPER-FUN LIFE!

IT'S SOUL EATER NOT!

If you haven't checked out our sister series yet, here's a special preview of just a portion of Chapter 1! If you want to read more, check out the first three volumes, on sale now!



WHEEZE...

...IN THE
STATE OF
NEVADA.

DEATH
CITY,
A.K.A.
DEATH
VEGAS.

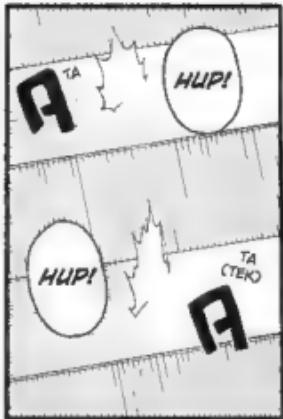
MY
THROAT IS
PARCHED.

...THIS WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE AN
OASIS.

I
THOUGHT
...

...BUT IT SURE
WOULD SUCK
TO COME ALL
THIS WAY FROM
JAPAN AND DIE
BEFORE I GET
TO SCHOOL...

THE PAMPHLET
SAID THAT THE
LONG STAIRS
LEADING UP TO
THE SCHOOL
WOULD
STRENGTHEN
MY LEGS...





WOW...

SHE
WAS SO
COOL!

NO
SURPRISE!
THIS IS THE
SCHOOL
THAT
PRODUCES
ALL THE
HEROES
OF THE
WORLD!!

I GUESS
SHE MUST BE
A STUDENT
HERE...

きゅ~!!
KU~
CUGO

I'M
ALMOST
THERE.

HERE
WE
GO!!

HMPH!

HEH
HEH
HEH!





HEY, KNEES!
ARE YOU AT
THAT AGE
WHEN JUST
DROPPING YOUR
CHOPSTICKS IS
HILARIOUS?

BWA-HA!
HA-HA-
HA-HA!



I MADE
IT.

AND BY
THE TIME I
WAS EXPE-
RIENCING
THE "STAIR-
CLIMBER'S
HIGH"...





"WELCOME
TO DWMA!!!"



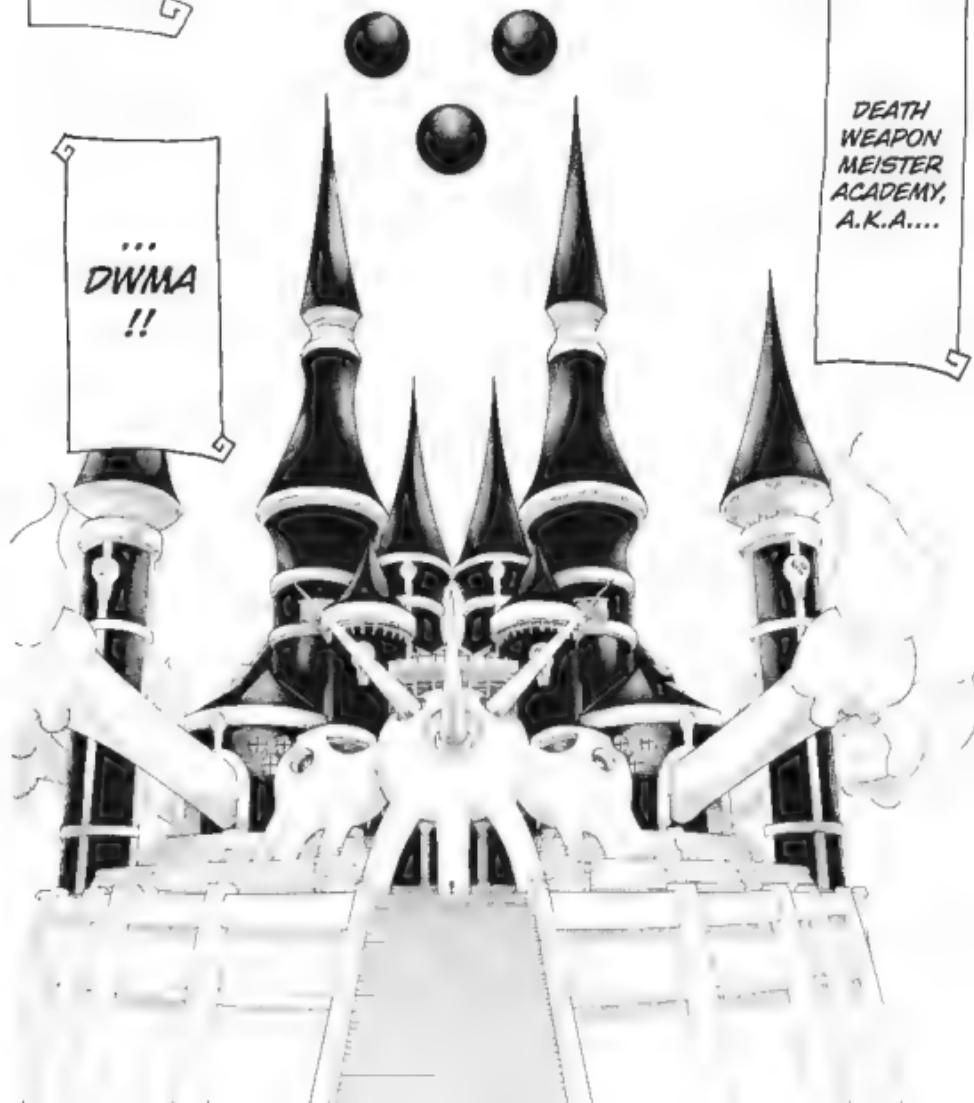
AND THIS...

...IS THE
SCHOOL
I'M
ABOUT
TO
ATTEND...

MOM, DAD, BIG
BROTHER—
CAN YOU SEE
THIS? IT'S
DEATH CITY.

...
DWMA
!!

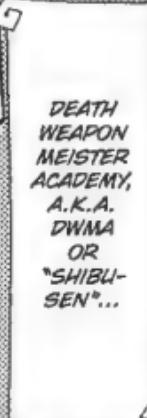
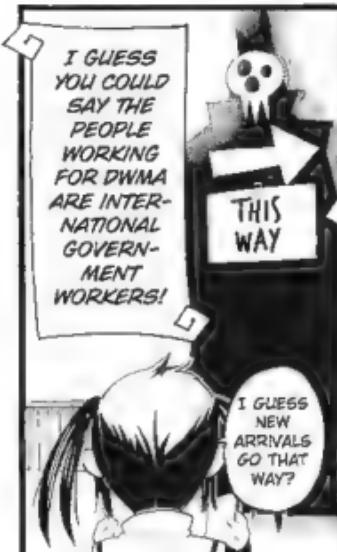
DEATH
WEAPON
MEISTER
ACADEMY,
A.K.A....







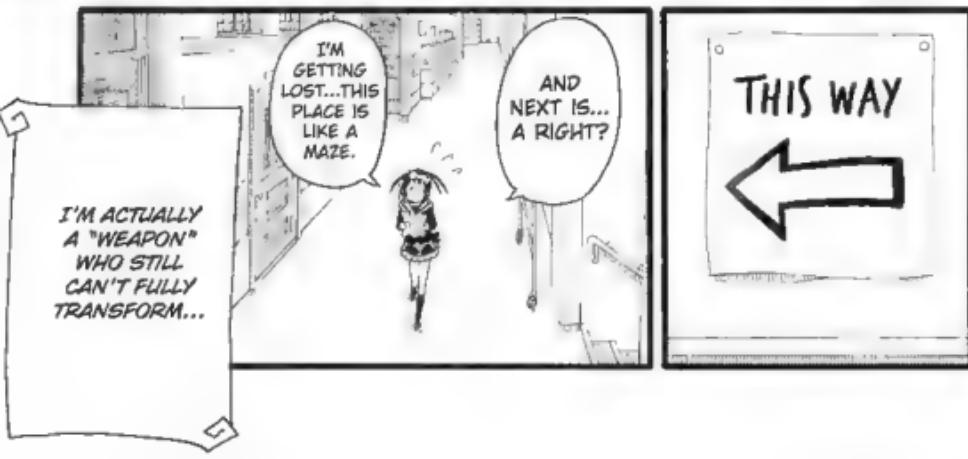
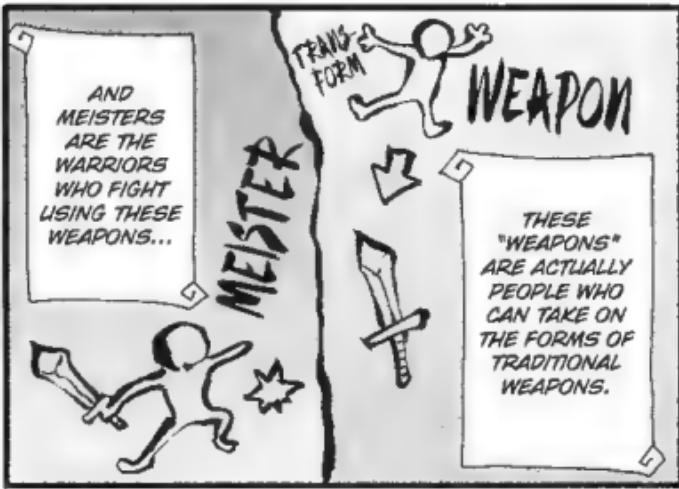
SFX: GOSO (RUSTLE) GOSO



THIS
WAY

I GUESS NEW ARRIVALS GO THAT WAY?

YOU COULD CALL IT A SCHOOL FOR HEROES—AN ACADEMY FUNDED BY TAXES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, DEDICATED TO TRAINING MEISTERS AND THEIR WEAPONS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN WORLD ORDER.





SOUNDS
LIKE EVEN
THEIR FIGHTS
ARE OFF THE
CHARTS.

AHHH!
I'M SO
SORRY!!

JAPANESE
(SQUEEZE)

SA
(SWISH)

YOU NEW
HERE? HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU
AROUND BEFORE.
IF YOU WANT
MY AUTOGRAPH,
IT'S YOURS. ♪

WELCOME, Welcome
NEW STUDENTS!
(COME ON IN!)

THIS
IS IT!!

WELCOME,
NEW
STUDENTS
...

...MY
P...P-
P...
...
PART-
NER!

PUSHIN
(SQUEEZE)

THERE ARE
OTHERS
LIKE ME IN
THERE...
MAYBE
EVEN...

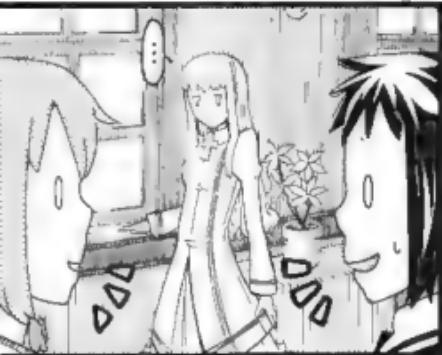








I ESCAPED THAT STUFFY OLD
CASTLE TO SEE THE WORLD OF THE
COMMON PEOPLE, BUT I MADE THE
WRONG CHOICE. FINDING A PLACE
TO SHELTER ME WAS FINE, BUT DWMA
WAS A MISTAKE...I'M CERTAINLY
NOT GOING TO EXPERIENCE THE
PROPER COMMON WORLD IN A
SPECIALIZED SCHOOL LIKE THIS...
I'M SUCH A FOOL!





AND THAT
SWEET SMILE
ACTUALLY WORKS
AGAINST HER
BY MAKING HER
SEEM EVEN MORE
ORDINARY...



SHE...SHE'S SO—
HOW SHOULD I SAY
THIS...? NORMAL?
SHE HAS NO AURA OF
PERSONALITY ABOUT
HER...THOSE TWIN
PIGTAILS LOOK LIKE
SHE MUST HAVE DONE
THEM TO MIMIC
SOMEONE ELSE...



THE ONLY
CHANCE SHE'D
HAVE OF
STANDING OUT
WOULD BE TO
PASS HERSELF
OFF AS THE "GOD
OF COMMON
PEOPLE" AND
HOPE SOMEONE
WORSHIPPED
HER.



I'M GOING TO HAND OUT SOME SHEETS WITH A ROUGH OUTLINE OF WHAT'S COMING UP ON THE SCHEDULE. TAKE ONE AND PASS THEM TOWARD THE BACK.



AS A MATTER OF FACT, I MET MY CURRENT PARTNER AT JUST SUCH A GAME.

WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M NOT THE MOST SOCIAL GUY.

IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE FINDING A PARTNER HERE OR CAN'T DECIDE, THERE'S A BINGO TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND WHERE WE'LL BE HOLDING A "FEELING PARTNER" GAME THAT WILL HELP YOU.

AH!

ES

PASHI GNATCHO

↑↑↑↑
GAGANTOSU (GAGONG)

B



HERE.

YOU'RE DIS- MISSED.

OKAY, THAT'S A WRAP FOR TODAY.







JUST
BECAUSE
I'M AT
DWMA NOW
DOESN'T
MEAN I'M
AN INSTANT
HERO...

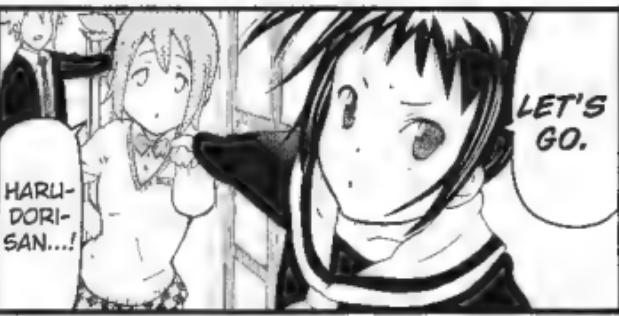
I CAN'T DO
ANYTHING.
I'VE BEEN
A NORMAL
GIRL ALL MY
LIFE...

I'M SORRY,
MEME-SAN...



I CAN'T BE
A HERO...







VULGAR
SLOBS.

1
"

FUN
(CHMFL)

WHAT!?

I BELIEVE
THAT WAS
THE POINT.
SHALL
WE?

STRENGTH
REIGNS
SUPREME
AT DWMA!
YOU REALLY
WANT TO
GO THERE?

WHOA, YOU
PICKING A
FIGHT WITH
ME?

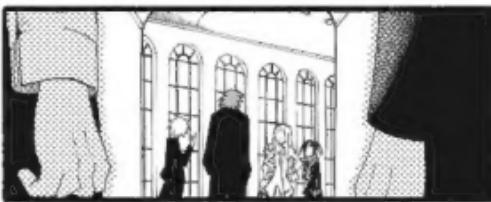
Meister

WHAAAT
!?

HARUDORI-
SAN, WAS IT?
YOU'RE A
WEAPON,
AREN'T YOU?
SO TRANS-
FORM.

...I
CAN'T
TRANS-
FORM
YET.

B-
BUT...I...





WANT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
GRAB A COPY OF GOLF EATER NOW! VOLUME 1!

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